

The Good News of Jesus is the hope of the world!

--Bob Young

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I spent a week Honduras in early July—what a great week! Our group of 27 taught VBS in the public schools and assisted with construction projects that provided a floor for a new church building and housing upgrades for several families (including new rooms, floors, a pila, latrine, and roof reconstruction). We finished the painting and dedicated the new church building in Arimis (pictured at left), seeing the finished product built with blocks made on previous trips. There were almost 400 present for the dedication service.



Evangelistic efforts and a campaign in a barrio where we are working to establish a new church resulted in 10 baptisms and 5 restorations. You can see the building site (left), and the campaign tent in place (right). There were 85 adults and 49 children present the last night of the campaign. The request that I preach the campaign was a surprise and an honor. The preacher is now in place and the work is moving forward. The blocks are ready and construction

has begun. Four more baptisms occurred the Sunday we left with two more since.



One of the highlights of any mission trip is the opportunity to witness souls being saved and added to the body of Christ through baptism. At left are three new sisters pictured immediately after their confession of Christ and immersion for the forgiveness of sins. At right, a baptism later in the week.

Benevolence and service projects were a major focus of the group—we were involved in painting a school,

distributing food, clothing, and medicines, and serving the wonderful Hondurans in a variety of ways. Also one of our team members provided a ladies' class each day in various congregations.



On Saturday, it was my privilege to teach a leadership seminar for about 50 preachers from local and mountain congregations, "Developing Leadership in the Local Congregation". Such seminars complement the work of the preacher training provided in the Honduran Bible School (Escuela Biblia Honduras).

Ongoing needs in this area include financial support for preacher training and local preachers, and funding for benevolence work and church planting. You may make contributions to **Edmond Church of Christ** and earmark **Bob Young—Honduras, project name**. To insure that funds are applied as you wish and to receive continuing updates on this work, please mail all contributions to **Bob and Jan Young, 205 Ainsley Ct, Edmond, OK 73034**.

Guatemala

I spent July 22-29 in Guatemala with an eye surgery team at Clinica Ezell in Montellano. This work, overseen by Health Talents International (HTI), provides an effective way for medical personnel from the U.S. to volunteer their talents to help people in need. I served as trip chaplain but was also able to interact with the patients and other Guatemalans. There were lots of projects and opportunities to provide support for the mobile clinic and other good works. For more information about HTI check out their website (www.healthtalents.org).



Columbia-Venezuela

I have committed to help with a preachers' retreat in Columbia the first week of October. I will be traveling with Bob Brown and Dan Coker. I look forward to meeting and interacting with preachers from Columbia and Venezuela. I will provide details about this trip in the next report.

What we are trying to do....

Our primary purpose is to provide support to local churches and preachers to help them do what they could not do on their own or what would require an extraordinary amount of time. We as mission team members can be arms, legs, strong backs and mouths, multiplying and accentuating the efforts of our brothers and sisters around the world, helping them progress more rapidly than would be the case otherwise.

We do not want to start and then leave efforts that the local brethren cannot sustain on their own after we are gone. This means we focus on bringing glory and honor to God through the local congregations and on providing support services and temporary assistance for their ongoing works. A special focus of my efforts is in providing training for ministers and church leaders.

How you can help....

I am always raising funds for projects. If you can help with any amount toward these needs, please consult the information box at the bottom of this page for contribution details and instructions. We solicit your prayers for the many opportunities God provides as we strive to take the gospel into the entire world.

A personal note....

With this report we are again increasing our circulation. We want to increase awareness of the opportunities God is providing and to help all of God's people lift their eyes to the harvest. We hope you will see fields white unto harvest and also find opportunities for increased involvement in missions. We try to highlight special places, works, and needs where your contributions and prayers can make a difference. The Lord continues to bless his people with tremendous opportunities! Souls are being saved, lives are being changed.

We distribute this mission bulletin and report primarily through email, but if you or someone you know wants to receive a copy by regular mail, please contact me at the address below. If you don't want a couple of pages of reading material from time to time, we'll gladly take your name off. You can also read these mission reports and back issues online: www.bobyongresources.com

P.S. We are putting together a list of those who might like to share in the December, 2006 trip to Honduras for graduation at Baxter Institute. If you would like to receive more information, please write us at the address at the bottom of this page, or by email.

To contribute to any of these works, make contributions payable to **Edmond Church of Christ** and indicate the work you want to support. Please mail to **Bob and Jan Young, 205 Ainsley Ct, Edmond, OK 73034**. This helps us track contributions, write thank yous, provide periodic updates, and make certain your contributions are applied as you desire. You may communicate by email: bob.young@oc.edu or drbobyong@mmind.net.